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Addendum

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Programme questions: proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (item 3 (b))

Programme 16. Economic development in Europe

1. At its 15th meeting, on 16 June 2000, the Committee considered programme 16, Economic development in Europe, of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced programme 16 and responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion*

3. Support was expressed for the activities of the programme for economic development in Europe.

4. It was noted that the overall orientation of the programme was well balanced and the priorities well reflected. Appreciation was expressed for the reform process of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and for efforts by ECE to avoid duplication and to develop an intersectoral approach to its activities. These efforts could be more clearly reflected in the indicators of achievements. Satisfaction was expressed with the focus of the programme on countries with economies in transition and on related integration efforts in the region.

* Not discussed fully.

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Conclusions and recommendations

5. The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the approval of programme 16, Economic development in Europe, of the proposed medium-term plan, subject to the following modifications:

(a) Paragraph 16.4

Replace the paragraph with the following:

"Gender-mainstreaming and the involvement of the business community are cross-sectoral concerns that are integral parts of ECE strategic directions. The Plan of Action stipulates that mainstreaming the gender perspective and the involvement of the business community must permeate all ECE activities, and all principal subsidiary bodies will therefore take this into account when they prepare, adopt and implement their programmes of work.";

(b) Paragraph 16.15

At the end of the paragraph, after the word "transition", add the phrase ", through the timely presentation of statistics.";

(c) Paragraph 16.20

In line 1, replace the words "level of" with the words "ECE contribution to";

(d) Paragraph 16.28

In line 7, after the words "harmonization of" add the words "internationally agreed";

(e) Paragraph 16.30

In line 3, after the word "investment" add the words "enterprise activities";

(f) Paragraph 16.33

In point (f), replace the words "increased trade in" with the words "new and updated international standards and recommendations on".